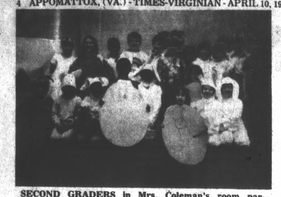

SECOND GRADERS in Mrs. Coleman's room participated in an Easter play about a girl, who didn't believe in the Easter Bunny. But, on April 4th, during the play presentation, students discovered, "There really is an Easter Bunny!"

Zion Baptist news

"The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early when it was yet dark unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre."

A very appreciative crowd of members and friends attended the regular preaching service at Zion Baptist last Sunday, April 6 on Easter Sunday morning at 11 a.m. The pastor, Rev. Charles W. Lewis delivered a special message for Easter.

Those visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Womack over the Easter weekend were their son, Mr. Martin "Womack, III of Maryland and Mrs. Geneva Wiggins of Lynchburg.

The Ladies Aid Society will meet at the Zion Baptist Church at 2 o'clock, April 13, with Mrs. Magnolia Wallace as hostess. At 4 o'clock the Senior Choir will have a choir festival.

The Deaconess Board will have their third anniversary April 27 at 4 o'cock.

The Men's Chorus will have their 2nd anniversary May 4 at 4 o'clock and the Men's Chorus is having a Mother's Day breakfast on Mother's Day morning from 8 to 9 a.m.

The Ladies Aid Society will have their annual Mother's Day program on May 11 at 11 a.m. at the Zion Baptist Church with Rev. Howard Flood as guest speaker along with the men's chorus.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend these programs.

We are happy to learn that the sick of the community are improving. Let's pray for the sick and shut-ins.

The pastor speaks

We live by faith

By Kitch Shatzer

"But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe." (John 20:25)

Can we believe too quickly?

I had been driving for several hours on a cross-country trip and was having trouble staying awake. I switched on the radio and began twisting the dial. My attention was attracted to a conversation between a listener and a talk-show host. They were discussing a faith healer who was conducting a healing mission in their city. The listener was trying to persuade the skeptical host of the validity of the healer's work.

"Why," she said, "there was one man with an artificial eye whose sight was restored. And after he was healed," she went on, "he could see not only through the artificial eye, but even through the eye-socket itself."

This story and others like it can quickly and easily raise doubts in many of our minds. But the word "doubt" has a negative connotation. Yet there are times when an honest skepticism is in order. To believe too quickly can be just as dangerous as to linger in doubt. We live by faith, but not by a blind faith that accepts every claim at face value.

There is no shame in our joining Thomas in his doubts about Christ's resurrection. We have been given minds that are capable of asking hard questions and wrestling with difficult alternatives. We are not asked to turn those minds off when it comes to matters of faith. But at the same time, we are given the possibility of belief in faith.

It is through that faith that we are able to believe in the resurrection of Christ, in the conquest that was made of sin and death through that resurrection, and in the salvation that is ours when we receive it with faith. Thomas doubted, but he was led to belief.

Let us find ourselves in his place—overcoming our doubts with faith.

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Janie Teresa Smith

Miss Smith to wed Mr. Scruggs

Mrs. Frances H. Smith, and Mr. James R. Smith, of Charlotte Court House, announce the engagement of their daughter, Janie Teresa to James Richard Scruggs (Stevie), son of Mrs. John William Scruggs and the late Mr. Scruggs of Buckingham.

The couple will be married at 7 o'clock the evening of May 10 in Charlotte Baptist Church on Highway 40 in Charlotte Court House.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Gibbs announce birth of daughter

Mr. and Mrs. J. Michael Gibbs proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Amanda Kaye, born March 24 at Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Allen H. Hamlett of Evergreen.

Paternal grandparents are Capt. and Mrs. J. E. Gibbs of Arlington, Va.

Amanda also has a brother, Ryan, who is two.

Spiggles announce birth of son

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Spiggle are proud to announce the birth of a son John Louis, born April 2, 1980.

They are the parents of two other children, Terri, age five.

Miss Faye Wood of Ferrum College spent Spring break with her aunt, Mrs. Polly Cawthorne.

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Mr. and Mrs. Homer Chandler and daughter of Vienna, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Dunn and twins of Fredericksburg, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Morgan and daughter of Burkeville, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Chandler and children of Lynchburg, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Chandler, Mr. Frank Chandler and Mrs. Hazel Buchanan all of Appomattox visited Mrs. Emeline Chandler over the weekend.

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Mrs. Katherine Ramsey of Richmond spent the weekend with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Chandler.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ken Coleman and son, Carter, of Lexington spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Coleman.

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Mrs. S. J. Evans left Sunday for Poquoson for a visit with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley C. Newcomb.

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Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hudson of Roxboro, N.C. spent several days over the weekend with his sister, Mrs. Margaret Wooldridge.

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J. Lloyd Hudson, Mrs. Margaret Wooldridge and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hudson of Roxboro, N.C. spent Saturday at the Culpeper Baptist Home where they visited their sisters, Mrs. Lucille Blanks and Miss Mabel Hudson.

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Lloyd Hudson spent several days this week with relatives in Clarksville.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mott and Jennifer of Blacksburg spent the weekend with Mrs. Frances H. Paulette.

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Bill Sherrod spent the Easter holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Sherrod in Richmond.

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Miss Faye Wood of Ferrum College spent Spring break with her aunt, Mrs. Polly Cawthorne.

Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Robinson from Baltimore, Maryland, spent the weekend here with their mother and sister, Mrs. Bessie Robinson and Mrs. Dorothy Patrick.

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Mrs. Lance Strickland of Richmond spent Sunday with Mrs. Ben Cole.

Bill Vaughan returned to Ferrum College Tuesday after spending Spring break with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Vaughan.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fraley spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fraley and Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Gillaspie of Concord.

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Miss Marie Fraley, a student at James Madison University, spent the Easter holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fraley.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryland Mann of Appomattox, Mrs. Lewis Martin and Miss Bonnie Kaye Layne were the guests at the church wedding of Miss Susan Epperly and Mr. Thomas Hash, both of Rockville.

The reception was in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vinton Epperly, also of Rockville.

Extension club to meet Tuesday

The Appomattox Home Extension Club will hold its regular monthly meeting April 15 at 10 a.m.

The meeting will be held in the Memorial United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Those who will attend are asked to bring seeds and plants to exchange, and to bring a dewing basket as well.

Hostesses will be ladies of the church.

Missy Harvey

Miss Harvey to wed Mr. Cruise

Mr. J.P. Harvey, Jr. of Appomattox, Va., and Phyllis C. Harvey of Lynchburg, Va. are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Missy, to Mr. Dennis "L. Cruise, of Lynchburg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy G. Cruise, of Ridgeway, VA.

The bride-elect is a 1979 graduate of Appomattox County High School, and is now attending CVCC. Mr. Cruise is a 1974 graduate of Drewry Mason High School in Henry County and attended Averett College in Danville. Miss Harvey and Mr. Cruise are employed by the city of Lynchburg.

The couple has planned a June wedding to be held at the Fort Hill United Methodist Church, in Lynchburg.

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Sickle-cell anemia awareness program is planned

There will be a sickle-cell anemia awareness program and screening, sponsored by the Appomattox County Extension Service Tuesday (April 15) from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of Appomattox County High School.

The program is being sponsored in conjunction with the Appomattox County Health Department.

All persons are invited to attend this free event.

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